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1. A confidential, thirteen-page instruction from the Central Committee of the Paraguayan Communist Party (PCP), which was signed by Rigoberto PEREIRA, interim secretary of the PCP and dated 7 September 1953, was issued for the exclusive use of the four Party zone chiefs, and certain subordinates whom the zone chiefs may designate. As in the case of previously received instructions, the bulk of the document, which consisted largely of diatribe against the United States, is intended to be a guide for the current propaganda line to be followed in conjunction with the more specific instructions set out.
2. The above-mentioned document was of special significance within the Party in that it outlined plans for a new door-to-door, clandestine "peace drive" intended to create distrust of the United States and its missions in Paraguay, and also intended to provide a mechanism for recruitment of new sympathizers or members for the Party. The instructions furthermore called for the return to Paraguay of all militant Party workers who have left the country.
3. The opening paragraph of the document stated that the Central Committee met in extraordinary session to study the program of comrades A. I. KIRINCHENKO and CHRISTIAN (sic) CRONE, entitled "Something is Happening in Paraguay which Demands an Urgent Scientific Investigation."¹
4. The document further declared that because of the desire of the United States for war "we received today a clamorous call for all peoples to increase their vigilance, and for an augmentation of the doctrine outlined by Lenin." Quoted below are some of the more pertinent excerpts from the document:

"The Central Committee of the Party has made a severe analysis of the political program outlined in the appeal entitled 'Something is Happening in Paraguay'. The full Central Committee, meeting in extraordinary session, resolves to transcribe texts from this program.

"The Communist Party of Paraguay has no responsible significance in international life, because it lacks those most active and responsible

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members who are capable of carrying out strong political work inside the political organizations. Paraguay, a small country, is capable of constructing a BASE with leaders, as has been demonstrated during recent years.

"There are strong political organizations capable of taking on great risks, and the necessary thing is to elaborate a fixed plan of organization in order that without loss of time an organization can be built which will be capable of HOLDING BACK all efforts of North American imperialism against national and international independence.

"In the international picture, it is not a question of CREATING STRONG POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS. Today we are discussing precisely how to realize a truly international effort assisted by the immense majority of the local organizations. We do not say that Paraguay has descended to a place inferior to that of other organizations in other countries. We believe that Paraguay is in condition to launch great struggles and that she is capable of carrying out the projected international plan of taking over a place where trained leaders can be produced, under Party instructions!

"Considering the immediate urgency of taking a strategic place to develop in the most detailed form the CONSTRUCTION OF THE RUSSIAN POLITICAL PLAN, we have resolved to submit to the comrades of Paraguay the PROJECT OF A PLAN which we will develop in detail in a pamphlet which is being prepared and which will be inspected from the point of view of party direction and responsibility by the dear comrades Oscar CREYDT, Augusto CANETE, Antonio MAIDANA, Alfonso GUERRA, Jose A. FLORES, Ruben SANCHEZ, Emilio Caceres RUIZ Diaz, Amalio NUNES, Leandro BARRIOS, Antonio CACCEA, Antonio NUNEZ, Pedro MARTINEZ Diaz, Calixto BOGADO, Modesto VILLASANTI, Marcos ZEIDA, Jose A. IBARROLA and Ramulfo BRITZ Paris. And these same persons can and should answer positively concerning the form in which the work should be done within the Directive Body, and also how it should be done among the masses. We believe it convenient to officially edit with you a CENTRAL ORGAN OF THE PARTY in order to bring together on paper the feeling of concrete responsibility, so that all the comrades of the middle class may count on a medium of organizational work for the purpose of amplifying the party study classes.....

"The INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE FOR WORLD DEFENSE believes the UNIFICATION OF STRUGGLES FOR THE PEACE is of most urgent necessity..... We need a concrete effort with sure planning toward the Soviet objective.

"In Paraguay we need to develop the PARTY PROGRAM IN ITS INTERNATIONAL PHASE and all the members should present themselves in order that the Central Committee may count on the maximum strength, with the same discipline, and the conspiratorial tactics at the maximum grade of perfection. The Party line, in order to be strong and responsible, should count on the majority of its directive members in order that the masses who follow it will not become frightened of anyone or anything. The ignorant masses have a great hope, counting on the sympathies of their leaders. The politician should be with his people wherever they go; the leader should know their desires and necessities, giving them the same importance as if they were his, because on this depends his stability and progress. The heads of groups, cells, zones, or commissions should never refer to themselves as 'chief'; they were not named that; the masses used that term. Therefore, they should call themselves comrades, companions, or friends. A chief who is called such because of propaganda or sympathies is exposed in the most dangerous of his political activities. The group chiefs should associate with the masses, not only of their own organization, but with all of them, in order to know the most intimate desires of the workers, and by means of this knowledge, continue to construct the line of 'Broad Democratism'.

"Why do we fight clandestinely? We fight clandestinely in some countries because of lack of understanding of the urgent organizational tasks of

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our doctrine. The proletarian struggle is demanding an open fight against the government but without any thought as to where the material forces for these struggles exist, and without pointing out a course to be followed. It is necessary to educate the people against the government and against imperialism.....Our doctrine points out the form in which political agitation in all its aspects will emanate from one single party, in the people's attack against the government..... Political denunciations are in themselves one of the most powerful means for dividing the positions of North American imperialism and for disrupting the positions of all enemies.

"It is our duty to work for the political strengthening of the Party in accordance with Comrade Stalin's Point No. 3.

"The domination of a country, large or small, signifies a blow to our organization and endangers the sovereignty of another neighboring State. For that reason the DESTRUCTION OF THE POLICY OF NORTH AMERICAN DOMINATION OF PARAGUAY is of vital importance..... The imposition of the Truman Plan's Point Four converts peoples into a colony, especially in Paraguay.

"Ex-President Truman described Paraguay as a country without importance.. WE ASK: WHAT ARE THE NORTH AMERICANS SEEKING? IF PARAGUAY IS WITHOUT IMPORTANCE WHY DO THE WAR LEADERS CONSTANTLY VISIT IT AND DEMAND THE CARRYING OUT OF POINT FOUR?WHY ARE THE NORTH AMERICANS SO INTERESTED IN PARAGUAY? WHAT NEIGHBORING STATE DO THE NORTH AMERICANS ENDANGER FROM PARAGUAY? WHICH IS THE STATE MARKED BY THE AGGRESSORS TO SECURE THEIR REAR GUARD? WHY DOESN'T THE PRO-NORTH AMERICAN SECTOR OF PARAGUAY WANT A RECIPROCAL UNDERSTANDING WITH ARGENTINA? WHY DO THERE EXIST IN PARAGUAY TWO FORCES WITHIN THE SAME GOVERNMENT?"

5. Paraguay is described as a country of much importance, in a strategic position, and is called a "Key Point" in the Party's strategy of international unity. The document goes on to state:

"It is not now a matter of creating works; works we have begun; now we must take advantage of these works to make the people lose confidence..... We must above all destroy the belief of the people that 'Point Four' is beneficial to Paraguay... (we must) defend the country's independence and the security of another neighboring State which will be attacked from Paraguay by North American imperialism.

"WE CALL on all the leaders of the Central Committee and of the PEOPLES' INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE in every country, to incorporate in their fights for peace the 'INSTRUCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF MOSCOW, PLAN NO. 4 FOR PEACE,' in order to reinforce unity of action in their ranks, to coordinate their actions with those of other countries... It is of vital importance to increase the peoples' distrust in the imperialists. Of vital importance is SOVIET INTERNATIONAL UNITY..... and it is also urgently necessary to IMPLANT in the ranks the instructions to defend the Soviet Union in any place whatsoever, where her doctrines appear to be paralyzed.

"THE INTERIM SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF PARAGUAY desires to call to the attention of the PARTY BODY the resolutions of the Central Committee, in the matter of complying with the points required in the INTERNATIONAL CALL to strengthen the local struggle. The Secretary has decided to place in the hands of the responsible local directive body this CALL FOR PARTY UNITY, which does not exclude the other struggles; on the contrary..... we will reinforce the PEACE COMMITTEES which exist in the educational and labor centers, and create hundreds more of them. The SECRETARY is transcribing part of the 'call' for the information of the DIRECTIVE BODY of the zones, in order that the local organizations may have at hand the denunciatory weapons against the government and its backer, North American imperialism. I especially want to explain the petition, set out in the 'call', to establish a strict national and international control.

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"There are peoples who have the greatest and best will to paralyze the march to war, but who cannot carry it out because of the lack of national unity or because of the fascist control exercised by the government. Within this grave problem is included Paraguay..... The North American sector which governs Paraguay is mobilizing itself against national unity.

"In view of the above, the CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLVES to call to the fight all of the national and foreign members, for the education of the working class and of the people residing outside the country. WE NEED the return to the country of all PARTY members who have fled for political reasons. WE SET the term of three months, for the return of party responsables to the country (unless this jeopardizes the activity of those members who are engaged in party work in other countries). WE DEMAND of the members who have left of their own free will, that they return immediately. THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLVES to mobilize the members of the organizations in Argentina, Uruguay, and Brazil, in order that these will CITE in the ORDER OF THE DAY the call of the Paraguayan Communist Party, in order that all of her members without exception may return to form ranks in the internal fight to ORGANIZE NEW COMMITTEES OF PEACE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE PLAN MENTIONED ABOVE! We need thousands and thousands of collaborators for peace in order to bring together the national and international fight for peace. THE WORK MUST BE LINKED TOGETHER FROM NEIGHBORHOOD TO NEIGHBORHOOD AND FROM TOWN TO TOWN.

"IMMEDIATE PLAN OF EDUCATION FOR PEACE:

"With the objective of improving and planning the work of education in the Party from the political and theoretical view, the secretary specifically sets forth this plan to be carried out within the masses and the people. The work of education for peace (inculcating the hate and distrust of the people and the masses against imperialism) should be planned and actuated to raise the political and theoretical level of the militants - seeking and creating new collaborators can bring about more important results in study and practice - in order that they may understand the fundamentals of our political and tactical line. We must work to the maximum to seek out and organize thousands of COMMITTEES FOR PEACE, which will multiply more and more every day. The working class, by means of electing revolutionaries from within itself, contributes in part to the illegal organization; and the POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE should exploit to the maximum (since the number of these revolutionaries does not meet the necessities of the present time) this new policy of peace which the doctrine furnishes for the augmentation of the party line, not only in working for peace but also in carrying out the role of agitator.

"In order that the work of agitation and propaganda may have the necessary force, we should work on it from the point of view of sentiment for liberty, independence, and peace, bringing together all the workers, students, farmers, and people in general, in criticism against imperialism; but always the organization and propaganda, the diffusion and reproduction of clandestine literature about internal and international peace, and the publishing of work prospectae, fall under the responsibility of the party... In this form the work should be carried to the people in the form of clandestine oral incitation.... In every sense it is a party duty to safeguard the security of all members; not to leave any traces which may prejudice an extremely reduced number within the party in its intellectual efforts.

"EXTENSION OF THE WORK OF ORGANIZATION:

"The work requires two people working together in a single propaganda project in one neighborhood - one who can talk, invite discussion, argue, and explain why it is necessary to obtain the signatures of all men of good will who do not want to fight for foreign welfare - the other should

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"study the type of person in each house, his degree of understanding, the impression he receives from the words of the other comrade, how he answers in favor of peace or war, and whether or not he signs because of good will or because of ignorance, and whether or not he might be glad to work for peace. Those who sign with pleasure and with decision, and who demonstrate sympathy, should be asked if they would be interested in furthering the work for peace, and they should be invited to accept a paper or two for other people to sign. You will interest them, explaining to them the consequences of war and explaining that the partisans of peace are intensifying their efforts for independence of peoples and the paralyzing of preparations for war, because North American imperialism is poisoning the spirit of honest peoples with calumnious propaganda, in complicity with governments which sell their sovereignty.

"The project should not be carried out in a 'dispersed' form, without plan, without timing, in a disorderly fashion, reading everything that is said in the work pamphlet. The principal parts of the pamphlet should be READ in order to understand how to use it. The pamphlets will always have capitalized and underlined parts for the information of the readers. The responsible members should point out to the reader what the principal party responsibilities are toward enlarging the fight for peace. The study of the peace plans should not be done in a cut-and-dried, literal fashion; in other words, the working documents should not be studied word for word, sentence by sentence; nor should paragraphs be repeated by memory, nor should the false impression be given of one who is merely orating. It is necessary that the study of the material be oriented for the masses as if done by true school teachers, and toward the FUNDAMENTAL concepts and tasks of the masses which should be motivated and developed in accordance with instructions from the party. For example, in regard to the pamphlet, The Imposition of Point Four, there is set out therein all that can and should serve as a guide with respect to the PLAN NO. FOUR FOR PEACE. The main thing is to make clear the central objectives of our mass effort, study the WEAKNESSES of the masses, and CENTRALIZE the fight for peace joining it with the concrete activity of every group and every militant.

"Intensify the study of the 'Point Four' pamphlet of May 14, 1951, to the very maximum..... This pamphlet should serve as an INSTRUMENT for work within the working classes. This pamphlet mobilizes all the intelligent masses, helping them to organize themselves into neighborly committees for peace. We must PUT INTO ACTION the question of retarding non-party organizations.

"WORK OF RESPONSIBILITY:

"The politically responsible person for each zone, group (principally in business enterprises), commission, fraction, including those 'responsibles' in the organizations in the interior, will take the means specified in PLAN NO. FOUR for the application of that plan, and for the correcting of Party weaknesses, because it is of fundamental importance to place the assignments before the 'responsibles' in a concrete and detailed form.

"All responsible members of the Communist Party of Paraguay should return to the country in this difficult moment in which independence or imperialist domination are at stake.

WE CALL to all the Paraguayan people for political union against the traitor CHAVES.

LET US STOP the continuity of this regime which sells its country.
LET US STOP the progress of the war criminals in our country.....

"Rigoberto PEREIRA,
Interim Secretary,
Paraguayan Communist Party."

6. Two other documents issued by the Central Committee under dates of August 7 and August 12, 1953 set forth the current Party line propaganda to be followed by the zone chiefs. These two documents, of nine and five pages, respectively,

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consisted of the usual violent criticism of the United States, the American Embassy, and the Point Four Program. Point Four is accused of attempting to isolate Paraguay from Argentina, and the document argues that there is a conspiracy against Paraguay between the United States and the "Pro-Yankee sector (of the Paraguayan government), headed by General Alfredo STROESSNER, Chief of the Paraguayan Air Force."

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. There are no previous references to either of the above names or to the "program" mentioned.

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